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To which are Added the moſt

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Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, *Concern'd in the Firſt and Second* VOLUME, *with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious* PERSONS

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GENTLEMEN,

Q. *I am very deſirous to keep a Religious Order in my Family, and therefore in Order thereunto, I humbly deſire you to inform me what Book is moſt proper and moſt agreable for Family Devotions: And alſo what Book is moſt proper for private Devotions for a ſingle Perſon in his Cloſet. I ſhould think my ſelf extreamly obliged to you, if you would alſo inform me, what Book to read in order to have a right underſtanding of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, alſo with Particular Devotions for the ſame. I am* Gentlemen, *with the greateſt Reſpect,*

Your very Humble Servant,

A. We agree with the Author of *The whole duty of Man*; that for Family Devotions no Book is more proper than the *Common Prayer* Book, and accordingly it is uſed in all well regulated Families. Only it may be convenient to admoniſh, that there is no Neceſſity to uſe in Private Families the whole Order for Morning and Evening Prayer, but only to begin with the general Confeſſion and the Lord's Prayer, and from thence to paſs to the Collect for the Day; after which let the Reſt of the Prayers follow in the Order they are placed in the Morning and Evening Service. For Private Devotions there are none that we can better recommend than thoſe annexed to *the whole Duty of Man*, amongſt which are excellent Prayers and Meditations for thoſe that receive the Sacrament, the Nature of which is fully explained in that Treatiſe.

Q. Gentlemen, *Is the Diſinition that* Ariſtotle *gives of a Man, and which is ſo much approved of by his Followers,* viz. *that he is a* rational Animal, *a full, perfect and eſſential Diſinition?*

A. This Definition is far from explaining what Man is: for it ſtill remains unknown what his Body conſiſts of, it is unknown what his is Soul, nay, it is even unknown whether their are not other *rational Animals* beſides Man; or whether (as Man) he does not involve in his Nature ſome other more ſpecifical Differences. That of *Plato's*, though taken only from the external Shape, ſeems to be a more plauſible Definition than this, *viz*, That he is a two legged Animal without Feathers, and with broad Nails. But the Truth is, there is no ſuch Thing as a perfect *real* Defini-

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tion explaining a Thing by its eſſential Properties and adequately comprehending the whole Nature of it: though of *nominal* Definitions there are many, ſuch as explain in what Senſe a Word is to be underſtood, and ſuch are thoſe that *Mathematicians* make uſe of.

Q. Gentlemen, Tacquet *at the end of his Geometry has an* Appendix *wherein he treats of this* Logical *Queſtion, whether a true Concluſion can be directly deduced from falſe Premiſes. He maintains the Affirmative, and pretends to demonſtrate it from ſeveral Geometrical Demonſtrations, that are in his own Geometry, and alſo to be met with in other Mathematical Writers, which I omit, becauſe they are not to be underſtood without Schemes. But his following Proof of a Coſmographical Propoſition will want no Scheme to make it underſtood. He ſays, that the Superficies of the Sea as alſo of every humid Body may be concluded to be Spherical from this very Poſition, that it is not Spherical. For let the Contradictory of it be ſuppoſed true,* viz. *The Superficies of the Sea is not Spherical. And then by Reaſon of this Poſition it will follow, that all the Parts of the Superficies of the Sea are not equally diſtant from the Centre. Therefore one Part is higher than another (for to be higher is nothing elſe but to be farther diſtant from the Centre.) Therefore thoſe Parts which are higher muſt run down towards thoſe that are lower, for Experience demonſtrates that this is the Nature of a Fluid. But from ſuch a Deflux it muſt neceſſarily follow that all the Parts be equally high, or equally diſtant from the Centre. And an equal Diſtance of all the Parts of the Superficies of the Sea, implies that it is perfectly of a Spherical Figure. Therefore the Superficies of the Sea is Spherical. I deſire your Opinion of this Demonſtration, and in general of the Truth of this way of arguing.*

A. Had the ancient *Pyrrhoniſts* or Scepticks but taken notice of this Argument, they might have, upon better Grounds than all their Topicks furniſhed them with, cry'd down humane Reaſon, as being too weak to attain real Truth and certainty. For this being admitted, the reaſoning Faculty of Man can be of no uſe to him. But we aſſert on the contrary, as a general Anſwer to all Arguments of this Kind, that no Demonſtration ſuppoſes a Poſition that is contradictory of its Concluſion, but always joins ſomething with the contradictory Poſition that overthrows it, and demonſtrates that it does overthrow it. Therefore it does not deduce a Concluſion from that which contradicts it, but from a contradictory Poſition joined with another that overthrows that Poſition. And this we grant is no uncommon nor unſafe way of arguing. As if one ſhou'd ſay, that *Peter* is a Man and irrational, then it is true that if *Peter* is a Man, he is not a Man. Or again, to uſe *Tacquet*'s Inſtance, If the Superficies of the Sea is not Spherical, and has all the Parts of it equally diſtant from the Centre, then it is true, if it is not Spherical, it is Spherical. For where the Hypotheſis deſtroys the Suppoſition, why may not ſomething be inferred from the Hypotheſis which contradicts the Suppoſition?

Q. Gentlemen, *I have ſometime married (Heaven have mercy upon me) an Old Woman, for the ſake of her Money; when I married her there was no Proſpect (ſhe was ſo decrepit) that ſhe wou'd live three Years, and now I have had her three Years, and inſtead of marching off, ſhe has an entire ſet of New Teeth come, which gives me an Apprehenſion that ſhe will caſt her Skin next, and live over an other Age. In another Point I was alſo miſtaken; for being ſo very crazy, I cou'd not have imagin'd ſo much Vigour cou'd have remain'd in her Tongue, which trolls as nimbly and as loud as if ſhe were but Twenty Years of Age; I think it very hard her beſt Parts ſhou'd be paſt uſe, and her worſe remain in full Strength. Good, Kind, Dear, Courteous* Apollo, *adminiſter ſome Comfort to me in this my Tribulation, and you will for ever oblige,*

Your Dutiful Devotee,

Cleander.

A. If only her Teeth be renew'd, you are likely to looſe her the ſooner, ſince all her little remaining Strength may be attracted thither; but ſhou'd there be a total Renovation, then you wou'd have a Young Wife, and your principal Objection vaniſh. In the mean time her new Teeth (not having been long us'd to any) may frequently chaſtiſe the malignity of her Tongue, and ſo adminiſter ſome Comfort to you that way. But at worſt, ſhou'd ſhe continue a ſcolding Old Woman, with all the Defects of Age beſides upon her, why did ſhe bring you ſo much Money, but as a valuable Conſideration for all thoſe Defects? Therefore there can be no Juſtice in your Complaint.

Q. SIRS, *I am a conſtant Reader and Admirer of your Papers, and if it is not contrary to the Deſign of your Undertaking, I humbly deſire you to inform me what it is that will flux Copper and Block-tin (when melted together in order to make ſmall Block-Bells) ſo as to make the Sound come out with a ſmall Blow, ſweet and clear from Jarring or hurry; alſo where I may buy it, and what Quantity to uſe. A ſpeedy Anſwer to this will in a particular manner oblige,*

Gentlemen,

Your Humble Servant, &c.

A. Such Things belonging to the Founders Trade, we ſhall not intermeddle therein; having often declar'd againſt the ſolving of Matters, by the Knowledg of which Perſons get their Livelihood.

POEMS.

Q. *What's the Reaſon* Apollo, *your* ECCHO [*pretends,*
To ſing to your Godſhip, *the beſt of her Friends,*
I wiſh it be not for ſome tratcherous Ends

While ſhe wou'd appear ſo reſerved a Creature,
I'll eaſily prove ſhe's a Jilt *in her Nature,*
Deform'd in her Soul, whate'er ſhe's in Feature.

She anſwers all Swains whatſoever addreſs Her,
The Clown and Gallant at their Pleaſure confeſs Her,
And who then will think it a Task to careſs Her!

You'll

You'll find, ſaid young Strephon, *the Nimph will not*
[*miſs me*;
On that he cry'd out, charming ECCHO *come kiſs me,*
The Nymph in ſoft Accents repeated—come kiſs me.

Now Bowls of kind Bacchus *and warmer Youth heat me*
Said Damon, *to grant the laſt Favour I'll meet ye,*
Said ECCHO—to grant the laſt Favour I'll meet ye.

I, who have been always deny'd at Lov's *ſhrine,*
*Came t'*ECCHO *at laſt now my Heart ſhall be thine,*
She anſwer'd next Moment—my Heart ſhall be thine.

And thus ſhe encourages every Lover
While Fools and Ingenious both equally move her.
And don't this a Jilt *in her Nature diſcover.*

PHILEMON.

A. Alas! Poor *Philemon*, thour'rt all in the
[wrong,
No Favours to ſuch Repetitions belong,
She laughs at the Fool, while ſhe anſwers their
[Song.

While with pleaſing Hopes your Affections ſhe
[warms,
And thou thy Addreſs, doſt imagine, alarms,
Approach her, you'll find her ſtill dance from
[your Arms

When moſt ſhe appears to comply with Requeſt,
And the fond Lover fancies thereon he may reſt,
She nothing but banters to make him her Jeſt.

When ſhe is more ſerious than ask her again,
If your Expectations are not all in vain,
You'll find ſhe will anſwer you ſoon—*all in vain.*

To ſhew that for Conqueſt ſhe'll ever defy ye,
Ask if her Embraces ſhe'll always deny ye;
You'll meet no Reply but—ſhe'll always deny ye.

To Term Her a Jilt then your Judgment diſgraces,
Or that ſhe is ſubject to ſmile on new Faces,
Since no Mortal yet e'er cou'd Boaſt Her Em-
[braces.

Q. Apollo *I approach thy ſhrine,*
Acknowledging thou'rt all Divine;
Imploring thou will grant thy help
To me a moſt unhappy Whelp:
Thou juſtly art ſtyl'd God of Phyſick,
And therefore canſt relieve one is ſick;
And I've a ſtrange Diſtemper, which
Appears to be wrought by ſome Witch;
And that's the Hippo, *which ſometimes*
Loads me with Guilt of Thouſand Crimes
All round me's black and wild Deſpair,
And nought of Life is worth my Care:
And when thoſe Fits begin to cool,
Then I appear an arrant Fool:
But Lucid Intervals *ſometimes*
I have, which brighten in my Rhimes;
As at the preſent, when with eaſe,
I can indite ſuch Lines as theſe:
O but inform me how I may,
Such Night avoid, for ſo clear Day;
And at your Altar *I will Homage pay.*

A. If Poetry like this, alas!
For *Lucid Intervals* muſt paſs,
Thy darker Hours ſo black muſt be,
There is no Hopes of Remedy;
'Till thou arriv'ſt to better Senſe,
We with thy Homage freely will diſpenſe.

Q. *A* Cuckold *I am,*
That's the ſhort and the long on't,
And a Raſcal but lately,
Has made a vile Song on't;
Now you who give Comfort
To every Station,
Adviſe me in ſomewhat,
For my Conſolation.

A. And is it not Comfort,
That others approve,
The Judgment you ſhew,
In the choice of your Love?
Had ſhe appear'd handſome,
Alone in your Eyes,
You might have ſuſpected,
Your Choice was not wiſe.

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SIR,

Deal, the March 22d

WInd S. W. Laſt Night and this Morning came in hither Mairmaid, Cæſar and another Gally from Leghorn; and the Cornwall from Barcelona.

Dartmouth, Yeſterday a Dutch Privateer of 28 Guns, ſent in here the Cheal Gally laden with Wine from Martinico; This Day came in the 4 Brothers of London in 30 Days from Giberalter.

Briſtol, the 22d. Arrived the Betty Frigot from Malaga, but laſt from Gibralter, ſhe came out with the Levant Gally bound to London and parted

ed with her the 1ſt, and from the Q. Ann Gally of this Port the 3d. ſhe reports that a Ship of 16 Guns was takenby 4 Shallops going up the ſtreights.

Plymouth, the 20th. a Dutch Privateer has brought in here the Mary Roſe of Haverdegrace, with Salt from St. Martins; came in here St. Nicholas off and from Bilboa with Iron and Fruit for this Place; arrived the St. Anthony from the Cannaryes, and a Prize taken by the Litchfield a Veſſel with Iron and Nuts for a Market.

Harwich, March the 22d. The Men and Horſes are all embark'd on Board the Tranſport Ships with the Recruiſes, and the Duke of Argyle is on Board one of the Yatches, and preparing to ſail for Holland under Convoy of 6 Men of War, formerly mentioned.

We hear that 70 Sail of Merchant Ships of Sweeds and Danes, are now ready laiden in Scotland, with the Product and Manufactures of Great Britain, to ſail for France (purſuant to an Act of Parliament lately paſſed) to exchange for Wines, and to import the ſame into the Kingdom of Ireland.

The Right Reverrend Father in God Dr. Kenn, late Lord Biſhop of Bath and Wells, died not long ſince; he was a Gentleman of moſt examplary Goodneſs in his Life and Converſation, and as an almoſt inimitable Strain of Piety runs through all his Writings, his little Manual of Devotions for the uſe of the Wincheſter Scholars, and his moſt excelent Expoſition of the Church Catechiſm will render his Memory dear to all Poſterity.

On Tueſday Morning, Clobury Bromley, Eſq; was carried out of Town in order to be interred at Baginton, near Coventry.

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